GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7542
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INCREASING OF FLEET STRENGTH BY SCI
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has drawn up a plan to increase its fleet strength;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the new tankers/vessels are likely to be available to SCI; and

(d) the steps taken to bid for the contracts for carrying the import of LNG that are to be made by the Petronet ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The SCI has proposed to acquire 21 vessels aggregating 16.85 lakh DWT during the remaining period of 9th Plan period.

(c) It is estimated that these vessels would be available to SCI between 2001-2004 in a phased manner.

(d) Petronet LNG Limited had invited applications globally for pre-qualification of shipowners and operators for transportation of LNG. However, none of the Indian shipping companies appeared to be satisfying the conditions stipulated therein. SCI in consortium with MOL and NYKK Line have submitted the pre-qualification bid to Petronet LNG.